GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:344
ANSWERED ON:07.04.2003
SHORTAGE OF FODDER .
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a shortage of fodder in the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the steps taken to meet the fodder requirement; and

(d) the details of fodder farms located in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI AJIT SINGH)

(a)to(d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.344 TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 7TH APRIL, 2003.

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The following factors affect the production of fodder:

i. Rapid urbanization and industrialization.
ii. Increasing human and animal population.
iii. Increasing use of high yielding varieties of grain crops resulting in less agricultural residues.
iv. Occurrence of natural calamities viz. drought, flood cyclone etc.

(c): To enhance the fodder production, Government of India has established 8 Fodder Development Organizations at different locations in the country (Details given at (d) below). These organizations are engaged in producing fodder seeds minikits, organizing demonstrations, farmers` fairs and training programmes.

Fodder minikits are supplied to the farmers free of cost.

Besides, under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme `Assistance to States for

Feed and Fodder Development`, Central Government grant at 75% & 100% is provided for establishment of fodder banks and enrichment of straw/cellulosic waste respectively.

(d): There are 7 Regional Stations for Forage Production & Demonstration at Hyderabad (Andhra Pradesh), Gandhinagar (Gujarat), Hissar (Haryana), Suratgarh (Rajasthan), Sehama (Jammu & Kashmir), Alamadhi (Tamil Nadu) & Kalyani (West Bengal) and 1 Central Fodder Seed Production Farm at Hessarghatta, Bangalore.